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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Norén et al.

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TITLE: "IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE FOR MEASURING VENTRICULAR PRESSURE"
AMENDMENT "A" PRIOR TO ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 8	MINUS	** 20	X	() X 9.00 () X 18.00		
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 1	MINUS	3	X	() X 42.00 () X 84.00		
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$140.00 () \$280.00 ONE TIME		
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$0.00	

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Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced application as follows, and request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) An implantable medical device comprising:

a pressure sensor adapted to be positioned in the right ventricle of a heart, for measuring right ventricular pressure and for generating a pressure signal corresponding to the measured right ventricular pressure;

a timing unit supplied with said pressure signal which determines, from said pressure signal, diastolic timing signals identifying a beginning and an end of a diastolic phase of the heart; and

a signal processor connected to the timing unit and also supplied with said pressure signal, said signal processor, using said diastolic timing signals, determining from said pressure signal a diastolic pressure signal representing right ventricular pressure only during the diastolic phase of the heart cycle.